

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 9 in its entirety and replace with the following paragraph:

#### RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/248,763, filed February 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,149,620, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/795,686, filed February 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,871,469, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/561,958, filed November 22, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,882, the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The present application also derives priority from U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/096,150 and 60/098,122, filed August 11, 1998 and August 27, 1998, respectively.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is related to commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Applications ~~entitled "Systems and Methods for Treating Articular Cartilage"~~09/177,861, filed October 23, 1998 ~~(attorney docket no. A-2-4)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,066,134, Serial No. 08/977,845, filed November 25, 1997 ~~(attorney docket no. D-2)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,402, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/562,332, filed November 22, 1995 ~~(attorney docket no. 016238-000710)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,024,733, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/010,382, filed January 21, 1998 ~~(attorney docket A-6)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,381, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. The present invention is also related to commonly assigned co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/162,117, filed September 28, 1998 ~~(attorney docket no. D-8)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,117,109, and U.S. Patent No. 08/990,374, filed December 15, 1997 ~~(Attorney Docket No. E-3)~~, now U.S. Patent No. 6,109,268, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,219, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281 ~~(Attorney Docket~~

~~16238-000600~~), Patent Application Nos. 09/109,219, now abandoned, 09/058,571, now U.S. Patent No. 6,142,992, 08/874,173, now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,824, and 09/002,315, now U.S. Patent No. 6,183,469, all which were filed on June 30, 1998, April 10, 1998, June 13, 1997, and January 2, 1998, respectively (~~Attorney Docket Nos. CB-1, CB-2, 16238-005600 and C-9, respectively~~) and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/054,323, filed on April 2, 1998 (~~Attorney Docket No. E-5~~), now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,079, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/032,375, filed February 27, 1998 (~~Attorney Docket No. CB-3~~), now U.S. Patent No. 6,355,032, 08/942,580, filed on October 2, 1997 (~~Attorney Docket No. 16238-001300~~), now U.S. Patent No. 6,159,194, U.S. Application No. 08/753,227, filed on November 22, 1996 (~~Docket 16238-002200~~), now U.S. Patent No. 5,873,855, U.S. Application No. 08/687,792, filed on July 18, 1996 (~~Docket No. 16238-001600~~, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,019, the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.